



**REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

EFFECTIVE JANUARY, 2010

Effective January 4, 2010, organizations subject to 2 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 215 will incorporate by reference the Research Terms & Conditions dated July 1, 2008, and the NSF Agency Specific Requirements dated January, 2010. The Research Terms & Conditions will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

The NSF Agency Specific Requirements apply to all new NSF grants and funding increments on existing NSF grants awarded on or after January 4, 2010, with the exception of Article 15, which only applies to new proposals submitted on or after January 4, 2010.

A comprehensive summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 01/10

◆ **Format, Content and Timing of Technical Reporting, Article 8**, has been updated to incorporate a new section which describes the project outcomes report that PIs will need to produce and submit to NSF within 90 days following expiration of the grant.

Language also has been added to clarify when annual and final project reports are considered due and when they become overdue.

◆ **Responsible Conduct of Research, Article 15**, is a new Article that provides NSF's implementation of Section 7009 of the America COMPETES Act regarding training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR).

Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 01/10

◆ **Overall Document.** References to programs or forms that no longer exist, such as the Small Grants for Exploratory Research and Federal Cash Transaction Report, have been removed from the document. Language in other Articles, such as Travel, Payment, and Intangible Property has been updated to ensure consistency with the

latest policies and procedures on these topics as well as with the coverage in the Award & Administration Guide.

◆ **Form and Timing of Financial Reporting, Article 9**, has been revised to require submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) by the thirtieth day following the end of each quarter. The FFR can be submitted via FastLane or Research.gov.